



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:12-14 (Year A)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 129 (Year A)*

R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-11 (Year A)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 11:25, 26 (Year A)*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 11:1-45 (Year A)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling

because he has the light of this world to see by;

but if he walks at night he stumbles,

because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.'

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me

will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

There has been evidence in recent times of people using religion or morality to justify quite unchristian behavior. Violence, for instance, is not an appropriate response to people who disagree with you, even if they are wrong, very wrong. The proper way to effect a change of direction in the laws which govern us is not by screaming at people and threatening them with harm, while at the same time displaying a Christian symbol of prayer and divine love.

We experienced some of that outside the cathedral in the days leading up to Cardinal Pell's funeral and again during the recent WorldPride event in Sydney, and this week outside the parish church at Belfield. Not only is this kind of aggressive and intimidatory behaviour unchristian in itself, I think it is also very unhelpful to the cause of promoting human dignity, parental rights and religious freedom.

The language and behaviour of both "sides" of these recent demonstrations bring to mind this passage from Shakespeare:

In law, what plea so tainted and corrupt
But, being seasoned with a gracious voice,
Obscures the show of evil? In religion,
What damndèd error, but some sober brow
Will bless it and approve it with a text,
Hiding the grossness with fair ornament?
There is no vice so simple but assumes
Some mark of virtue on his outward parts.
How many cowards whose hearts are all as false
As stairs of sand wear yet upon their chins
The beards of Hercules and frowning Mars,
Who, inward searched, have livers white as milk,
And these assume but valor's excrement
To render them redoubted. (*The Merchant of Venice*, Act 3, Scene 2)

There are many anti-life, anti-religious, anti-family currents in our society and bad laws on our statute-books. We must work, struggle, and persist with vigor to change this, but with weapons of truth, humble prayer, charity and reason- and the ballot-box- so that we do not make hypocrites of ourselves and needlessly set back the righteous cause.

May the Incarnate Word, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, bless you all in the days ahead.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March – April 2023

			25 Saturday The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD 	26 Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Today's 10.30am Solemn Mass Day of the Unborn Child 12pm Angelus and Procession 1.30pm Benediction 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 Monday	28 Tuesday
29 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	30 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	31 Friday 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	1 Saturday	2 Sunday 2pm Sunday Public Tour 	HOLY WEEK	
5 Wednesday HOLY WEEK 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY  Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline	7 GOOD FRIDAY Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 	8 HOLY SATURDAY Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae 6.30pm Easter Vigil 	9 EASTER SUNDAY Mass Times 7.00am 9.00am 10.30am 5pm Vespers & Benediction 6.00pm 	10 EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday Mass 9am	11 Tuesday Resume normal Liturgy Schedule
12 Wednesday 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	13 Thursday 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	14 Friday	15 Saturday	16 Sunday Divine Mercy 2pm Sunday Public Tour	17 Monday	18 Tuesday

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11:00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Congratulations and best wishes to Monsignor William Mullins who is celebrating his 99th birthday today Sunday, 26 March 2023.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

*"You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross,
a special devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's suffering and
death for our sake".*

Fr Don Richardson

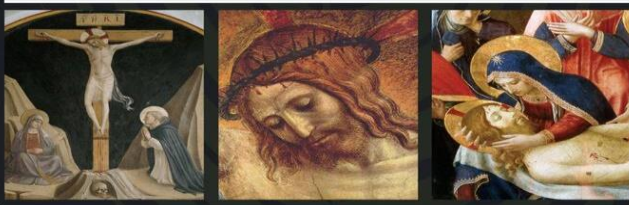
DATE: FRIDAYS

24 FEBRUARY, 3 MARCH, 10 MARCH, 17 MARCH, 24 MARCH
& 31 MARCH

TIME: 12.15PM

Walking with Our Lady through Holy Week

A WOMENS RETREAT DAY WITH THE
DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA



1ST APRIL 2023 | 10AM - 4PM

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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



EASTER AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

*"I invite you to join us as we
commemorate the saving
Passion, Death and Resurrection
of Jesus Christ, celebrated in the
sacred Liturgies of Holy Week".*

Fr Don Richardson,
DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PALM SUNDAY / 2 APRIL, 2023

7.00am: Mass

9.00am: Mass

10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass

5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction

6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 6 APRIL, 2023

10.30am: Chrism Mass

6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 7 APRIL, 2023

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 8 APRIL, 2023

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings

6.30pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 9 APRIL, 2023

7.00am: Mass

9.00am: Mass

10.30am: Solemn Mass

5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction

6.00pm: Mass